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1. AT JUNE 17 POLADS, FRG REP SAID THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM EAST BERLIN, THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE (ECPC) WILL MEET AGAIN IN EAST BERLIN AT THE END OF JUNE. FRG REP ADDED THAT AN INFORMAL MID-MAY MEETING OF SEVEN PARTIES (WITHOUT YUGOSLAVIA) DECIDED TO DROP THE DRAFT PAPER INTRODUCED BY THE GDR (SEE REF B). NO DECISION APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN REACHED AT THIS INFORMAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING ON WHETHER TWO DOCUMENTS OR ONE DOCUMENT IN TWO PARTS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE ECPC.

2. ANOTHER STILL UNRESOLVED ISSUE, ACCORDING TO THE FRG REPORT,

IS THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE ECPC DOCUMENTS WILL BE BINDING ON THE SIGNATORIES. THE FRG REP NOTED THAT FOR THE MOMENT THE ROMANIANS APPEAR TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE FRONT LINE ON THIS ISSUE, LEAVING THE INITIATIVE TO THE ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV PARTIES.

3. FRG REP ALSO NOTED THAT THE SOVIETS SEEM TO HAVE USED VARIOUS TACTICS IN TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE RECALCITRANT PARTIES. HAVING FOUND AT THE WORKING GROUP'S FIRST MEETING THAT THE YUGOSLAVS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE ROMANIANS AND ITALIANS, MOSCOW ARRANGED FOR ENLARGEMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP AT ITS SECOND MEETING BY THE ADDITION OF FOUR PRO-MOSCOW PARTIES IN ORDER TO CONFRONT THE YUGOSLAVS WITH AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY. WHEN THIS TACTIC FAILED TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK, THE YUGOSLAVS WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE THIRD AND MOST RECENT MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP IN AN ATTEMPT TO ISOLATE THE ROMANIANS.

4. FRG REP SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO A ROMANIAN SOURCE, THE ANALYTICAL PART OF THE ECPC DOCUMENTS(S) WILL REFLECT THE GROWING SELF-CONFIDENCE OF THE EUROPEAN PARTIES AND WILL PORTRAY SOCIALISM AS THE LEADING POLITICAL FORCE IN TODAY'S WORLD. THE ECPC ACTION PROGRAM, HE CONTINUED, WILL CONTAIN AN APPEAL FOR A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AMONG LEFTWING FORCES. COMMUNIST AND WORKERS PARTIES IN NON-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE TO BE ENCOURAGED -- BUT NOT COMMITTED -- TO COOPERATE WITH DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

5. FRG REP ALSO NOTED THAT THE DATE FOR THE CPC IS STILL NOT SETTLED AND THAT THE WORKING GROUP WILL HAVE TO FINISH ITS WORK BEFORE THIS IS DECIDED. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE A MEETING OF A DRAFTING GROUP IN WHICH THE PARTICIPATING PARTIES MAY BE REPRESENTED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIES, ALTHOUGH EACH PARTY WILL BE FREE TO DETERMINE THE RANK OF ITS REPRESENTATIVE. THE DRAFT DOCUMENT AGREED UPON BY THE DRAFTING GROUP WILL BE APPROVED BY STILL ANOTHER PREPARATORY MEETING AT THE LEVEL OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARIES BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE ECPC ITSELF FOR FINAL ADOPTION. STREATOR

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